MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This is a very small department so far as the staff and number of appointments are concerned. When recruitment was made some time back, the Government stipendiary students had to be provided for and some non-official workers in the co-operative movements given preference. Due consideration will be given to the claims of all unrepresented communities in filling up vacancies or new posts which may have to be filled up in the department, efficiency always being the main consideration.

Statement, by caste, of Proverthikars in the State.

91. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes among the present Proverthikars in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The particulars required by the member brought up to the close of 1103 are given below:—

Brahmins	...	35
Nayars	...	301
Catholics	...	1
Jacobites Mar Thoma Christians	...	3
Protestants	...	...
Ezhavas	...	1
Mahomedans	...	...
Vellalas and other castes	...	60
	Total ...	401

Four places were vacant. Information as to the number of Vellalas and Jacobite and Mar Thoma Christians, among the Proverthikars, has been called for from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Dewan Peishkars.

92. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): In regard to the permanent appointments and acting appointments of more than three months' duration made by, or on the recommendation of, each of the present Dewan Peishkars during the last two years (1102 and 1103), will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes so appointed?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner reports that the existing staff in the Land Revenue Department, with their multifarious duties, will not be able to gather the information required by the member. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in preparing the statistics will be out of proportion to their possible utility.

Applications for the renewal of Licenses for Fire-arms.

93. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the number of applications received in the Kottayam Division Cutcherry from the beginning of 1104 till the 1st Kanni 1104 from the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Kunnatnad, for the renewal of old licenses and for the issue of new licenses for the use of fire-arms and the number of such licenses issued up to the 10th Kanni 1104?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* required is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of Clerks of the High Court.

94. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks of the High Court?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement † is laid on the table.

Issue and renewal of Licenses to carry Fire-arms.

95. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the number of free licenses to carry arms newly granted to the cultivators in the Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Kunnatnad taluks this year (1104) as also the number of old licenses which have been renewed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement§ required by the member is laid on the table.

Assistant Engineer, Kotamangalam.

96. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of days the Kotamangalam Assistant Engineer attended office during the three months ending the 20th Kanni 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Inspection work and attending office 43 days.
Office work alone 10 days.

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 128. † *Vide* Appendix IV—page 129.
§ *Vide* Appendix V—page 130.

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